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There is ample evidence to indicate that the Politburo in Moscow is convinced that it cannot control the present North Korean regime too long under the leadership of Kim Il Sung, and that Moscow is conducting a quiet negotiation with Pak Hun-yong regarding the matter.

To clear up some of the tense atmosphere in North Korea, Moscow makes the move to utilize the ability of the politically seasoned Pak Hun-yong. As the rumor of impending ascension of Pak Hun-yong to the position of premier is being circulated among the Cabinet members, the intensity of the cold war between Hong Myong-hi and Kim Ch'aek is becoming ever more keen.

It has been a well-known fact that Pak is not in favor of a three-premier system of government. It is further assumed that Pak, upon becoming head of the North Korean government, will convince Moscow that there should be only one premier. Should such an appeal be granted, it is quite certain that both Hong and Kim could no longer enjoy the privileges that go with their vice-premiership. It is for this reason that Hong and Kim are waging a personal cold war for survival.

Kim Ch'aek served as a vice-chairman of the former North Korea People's Committee under Kim Il Sung; therefore, he enjoys Kim Il Sung's utmost confidence. Hong, who was born 61 years ago in Ch'ungch'ong Pukto, is known as a middle-of-the-road Leftist who now enjoys special privileges as a vice-premier. Although Hong Myong-hi and Pak Hun-yong are both South Koreans, there are too many points on which they do not see eye to eye. That is the most difficult problem Hong is facing now. The trouble Hong faces stems from the fact that, despite his strategic position in the eyes of the public and his background in terms of academic training and practical experience in South Korea, he is an opportunist. He could have made a substantial contribution in South Korea but he thought he could do even better in the North. Therefore, he organized the People's Party of which he is chairman. Hong fully realizes the fact that Communism is no answer to the solution of the Korean problem but he has gone too far now to back down.

Hong now finds it impossible to ignore the undercover maneuvers of Kim Ch'aek, because Kim enjoys Moscow's confidence and that, whether Pak Hun-yong likes it or not, Moscow will see that Kim is properly placed. Whether Pak will replace Kim Il Sung as head of the North Korea government is a question everyone is now asking.

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